

STATE OF MARYLAND
2016 COMMISSION TO MODERNIZE STATE PROCUREMENT
Executive Order 01.01.2016.05

Outcome

Provide Governor detailed strategy with specific recommendations on these topics as well as other relevant issues.

Due December 1, 2016

Workforce (Chaired by Department of Budget and Management)

Outcomes:

Improve consistency and provide predictability to business community.

Prepare staff to perform all levels of purchasing.

- (a) Standardize best practices and COMAR interpretations across all State agencies
- (c) Develop Statewide procurement procedures manual, divided by industry sector
- (d) Develop Statewide procurement training curriculum
- (e) Address impediments to attracting and retaining quality procurement staff
- (f) Develop self-directed training module for businesses to learn how to bid on State contracts

Efficiencies (Co-chaired by Departments of Transportation and Information Technology)

Outcomes:

Reduce transaction costs.

Increase efficiencies and make procurement process more accessible to businesses.

Allow procurement staff to more effectively manage their time.

Make it easier for businesses to understand and respond.

- (b) Use new technologies
- (g) Simplify reporting requirements
- (j) Simplify the Request for Proposal template
- (k) Reduce number of documents businesses must submit before contract award
- (n) Determine how best to address clearly evident mistakes on procurement submissions
- (l) Review mandatory terms and conditions of procurement contracts
- (p) Develop mechanism to deter bidders from submitting frivolous protests

Initiatives (Co-chaired by Department of General Services and Office of Minority Affairs)

Outcomes:

Allow for efficacious procurement of goods and services.

- (h) Expand Small Business Reserve Program to all agencies
- (i) Expand small procurement limit and single purchase limit for corporate purchasing cards
- (m) Simplify Minority Business Enterprise certification process
- (o) Establish standards allowing State to obtain overall best value instead of only lowest price